

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

**CRM No. M-4095 of 2017
Date of decision: 13.02.2017**

Harjinder Singh @ Rajinder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

...Respondent

CORAM:HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI

Present: Mr. Harchand Singh Batth, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Manpreet Dhaliwal, AAG, Punjab.

Ritu Bahri, J.

This petition under Section 439 Cr.P.C is for grant of regular bail to the petitioner in case F.I.R No.90 dated 31.10.2016, under Sections 452, 354 IPC, Section 7 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act and Sections 3, 4, 5, 7 of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, registered at Police Station, Sadar Patti, District Tarn Taran.

Petitioner is in custody since 01.11.2016.

As per allegation in the FIR, Prabhjot Kaur daughter of the complainant (student of 9th class) was present at home on the date of occurrence, when the petitioner had come to her house and molested her.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner has retired from Army and was known to the family of the complainant. He had given some loan to the family of the complainant.

Learned State counsel, on instructions, has informed the Court that after presentation of the challan, charges have not been framed so far.

Keeping in view the period of incarceration of the petitioner and the fact that trial may still take some time for its conclusion, this court feels that there is no need to detain the petitioner any longer. Accordingly, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be enlarged on bail to the satisfaction of the trial Court/Chief Judicial Magistrate/Duty Magistrate, Tarn Taran.

13.02.2017
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(RITU BAHRI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No